

And today as I stood here, which is the epicenter of freedom, a center that will ring throughout the ages, and I saw the Speaker of the House today step forward and give a splendid example of personal responsibility, I was proud not only to be an American but to be a Member of this Chamber.

And I certainly was hoping that my children were watching on TV. It was a splendid speech. And the minority leader of the Senate, a Democrat, TOM DASCHLE, also applauded the speaker and said that he thought that the Speaker had done what he needed to do. And I also looked across the Chamber at my Democratic friends, and I saw several good Democrats who applauded the Speaker, who even gave him a standing ovation because they knew that, like I, that this was a moment that transcended mere politics, mere party labels, mere ideology, and instead, we were not looking at the leader of a political party but a man who was going to be a leader of a movement that will take us well into the next century.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. HARMAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today after 3 p.m., on account of official business in the district.

Mr. COSTELLO (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of an illness in the family.

Mr. CRANE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of illness.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GOSS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. KELLY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCINTOSH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HUNTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, on April 23.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RUSH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINOJOSA, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. LEVIN.
Ms. NORTON.
Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.
Mr. LANTOS.
Mr. LIPINSKI.
Mr. HAMILTON.
Mr. STOKES.
Mr. DOYLE.
Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.
Mr. FOGLIETTA.
Mr. BARCIA.
Mr. SKELTON.
Mr. MENENDEZ.
Mr. EVANS.
Mr. HOYER.
Mr. BORSKI.
Mr. DELLUMS.
Mr. KILDEE.
Ms. ESHOO.
Mrs. MALONEY of New York.
Mr. HILLIARD.
Mr. MARKEY.
Mr. CLAY.
Mr. WEYGAND.
Mr. CAPPS.
Mr. ACKERMAN.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GOSS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GILMAN in three instances.
Mr. FAWELL.
Mr. ENSIGN.
Mr. WALSH.
Mr. MCKEON in two instances.
Mr. PAPPAS.
Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
Mr. PACKARD.
Mr. COLLINS.
Mr. GOODLING.
Mr. FORBES.
Mr. YOUNG of Florida.
Mr. BAKER.
Mr. SOLOMON in two instances.
Mr. HANSEN.
Mr. RADANOVICH.
Mr. EVERETT.
Mr. HORN.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SCARBOROUGH) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. HILLEARY in two instances.
Mrs. MORELLA.
Mr. SKAGGS.
Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
Ms. FURSE.
Mr. THOMPSON.
Mr. KLINK.
Mr. LAZIO of New York.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1003. An act to clarify Federal law with respect to restricting the use of Federal funds in support of assisted suicide.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 52 minutes

p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, April 21, 1997, at 3 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2851. A letter from the Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the Defense Finance and Accounting Service [DFAS] is initiating a cost comparison of all Department of Defense [DOD] transportation accounting functions, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304 note; to the Committee on National Security.

2852. A letter from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting notification that certain major defense acquisition programs have breached the unit cost by more than 25 percent, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2431(b)(3)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

2853. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Revisions to the Appointment of Members to the National Ocean Research Leadership Council"; to the Committee on National Security.

2854. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize a food cost based basic allowance for subsistence for enlisted military personnel; to the Committee on National Security.

2855. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the U.S. participation in and appropriations for the U.S. contribution to the 11th replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2856. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize consent to and authorize appropriations for a U.S. contribution to the interest subsidy account of the successor to the enhanced structural adjustment facility of the International Monetary Fund, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2857. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations to pay for the U.S. capital subscription as part of the eight general capital increase of the Inter-American Development Bank, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2858. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize U.S. participation in and appropriations for the U.S. contribution to the sixth replenishment of the resources of the Asian Development Fund, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2859. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Energy, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Repeal Act"; to the Committee on Commerce.

2860. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule—Rulemaking To Amend Parts 1, 2, 21, and 25 of the Commission's Rules to Redesignate the 27.5-29.5 GHz Frequency Band, To Establish Rules and Policies for Local